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TO

THE TEACHERS

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INTRODUCTION.

In compiling this little work the author is indebted to the "Lee Avenue Sabbath School Manual," by J. Johnson, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; to the "Casket of Sabbath School Gems," published by Lee Avenue Benevolent Society; "The Sunday School Teacher," of Chicago; the "Sunday Teacher's Treasury," of London, and several kind friends of the Sabbath School cause. Should the present work answer the purpose for which it was designed, the compiler will be abundantly repaid for the time and labor spent in its preparation.

G. B. Jr.

Cohasset, January 1867.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We believe the following data to be substantially correct:

The first Sabbath School established in England, of which we have any definite account, was by the Rev. Joseph Alleine, author of the "Alarm to the Unconverted," as early as 1688. The next was by Bishop Lathbury, in 1693. Then another, by Theophilus Lindsey, of Catterick, in 1763. Next was one by Miss Harrison (afterwards Mrs. Catherine Cappe), at Bedale, in 1765. The next was by Miss Ball, at High Wycombe, in 1769. And then by Robert Raikes, in Gloucestershire, Eng., in 1781, who so instituted and popularized them as to send them forth on their mission of love all over the world. Let all honor, therefore, be given to Robert Raikes.

THE FIRST SABBATH-SCHOOL IN AMERICA.

We have various accounts. Ellis, in his history of Roxbury, Mass., says: "In 1674 (fourteen

years before Alleine's, in England), 6th, 11th month, is the first record of a Sabbath School." The male and female youth were catechised and taught every Sabbath by the Elders in the Church.

But the first Sabbath School of which we have any very definite account, was established by Ludwig Hacker, in Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa., as early as 1747. It was continued between thirty and forty years, and it is stated that many youth were hopefully converted.

The next was by Bishop Ashbury in Virginia, in 1786. To him appears to belong the honor of first introducing the Robert Raikes idea of Sunday Schools into this country.

"The First Day or Sunday School Society" in Philadelphia, was organized in 1791, Bishop White, President.

Samuel Slater opened a Sunday School for his operatives, in Pawtucket, R. I., in 1797.

Isabella Graham and Mrs. Bethune established the first Sabbath Schools in New York City in 1801, and also in 1804.

The Broadway Baptist Sabbath School, in Baltimore, was established in 1804, and is still in operation.

Mrs. Amos Tappan (Miss Buckminster)

opened a Sabbath School in Portsmouth, N. H., in the year 1803.

We have the account of a Sabbath School established in Pittsburg, in 1809; one in Beverly, Mass., in 1810; and one in Boston, in 1812. — *The Sunday School Worker assisted.*

THE FIRST SABBATH SCHOOL IN COHASSET.

In the year 1819 a good Christian woman,* whose heart was filled with the love of the Bible, and who desired that all should have the same regard for it, formed what she modestly called a Reading Society, which met at her father's† house; but which, in its main features, resembled a modern Bible Class. This Reading Society met on Saturday evenings until the year 1823. During this year, there were occasional preaching services held in the same house on the Sabbath; and it appears that the Reading Society (at this time considerably increased in numbers) changed its time of meeting to the Sabbath, thus passing from a Saturday Bible Society to a Sabbath Bible

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*Mrs. Rachel Fuller. †Mr. Ambrose Nichols.

Class; and it seems from this time to have been called by a new name, — that of a Sunday School, although it had no Superintendent, each teacher looking after his own class. Thus matters continued until the spring of 1825, when, after the formation of the Second Congregational Church, this enterprise took a new form, and was duly organized as the Second Congregational Sabbath School, choosing Mr. Thomas A. Davis as its Superintendent; who held that office for five years or more. The Superintendents that followed him were Mr. William H. Stoddard, Deacon Jonathan B. Bates, Mr. Phineas Bates, Captain David S. Sutton and George Beal, Jr.

CONSTITUTION

OF

Second Congregational Sabbath School,

COHASSET.

ARTICLE I.

This Sabbath School is connected with the Second Congregational Church, and shall be known as the Second Congregational Sabbath School, Cohasset.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this school is to extend the advantage of religious instruction to all who can be brought within its influence, adults as well as children and youth.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this school shall consist of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian, who shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual meeting of teachers.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting of teachers shall be held on Fast Day (in the month of April), immediately after the anniversary exercises.

ARTICLE V.

The Superintendent shall have the general supervision of the school; shall preside at all its meetings; shall arrange, number and seat the classes; and make transfers from one class to another, whenever, in his judgment, the interests of the school require it.

He shall maintain a vigorous administration of every department of the school, and see that everything is conducted in a becoming and proper manner.

ARTICLE VI.

The usual duties shall be assigned to the remaining officers of the school.

ARTICLE VII.

Strict order shall be observed on the part of every one connected with the school; and no one, without permission, shall leave the school room until the close of the school.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF TEACHERS.

1. To be punctual in attendance at every session of the school; and, in case of necessary absence, to inform the Superintendent, and, if possible, recommend to him a substitute.

2. To preserve order in their several classes, and promptly to report to the Superintendent every violation of any of the rules of the school.

3. To make all possible exertions to promote the general objects of the school; to visit their scholars at their homes, especially when sick or absent; to report, when called upon, the state of their classes; and to secure, in the highest practicable degree, the advancement of their scholars both in knowledge and piety.

ARTICLE IX.

New scholars are not members until they have been in the school four Sabbaths. They may, however, be entitled to the use of the library, with the approval of the teacher.

ARTICLE X.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, except by a vote of two-thirds of the teachers present at a meeting which has been

notified in the usual manner, and the proposed alteration mentioned in the notice of the meeting.

This, however, does not forbid the temporary suspension of any rule, whenever the teachers shall see fit to do so, by a unanimous vote.

TIME OF MEETING.

From the first of April to the first of December, school will meet at quarter past nine o'clock precisely, at which time the inner door will be locked, and remain so during devotional exercises.

Those persons arriving late will please take seats in the small vestry, and keep as quiet as possible during the opening exercises.

From the first of December to the first of April, the school will meet immediately after the afternoon service.

THE LIBRARY.

1. A good library is a powerful auxiliary to a Sunday School.

2. It is very difficult to judge from the

title or outside appearance of a book what its contents are.

3. The best of books will be of little service to either teachers or scholars, unless they are carefully read.

LIBRARY RULES.

1. Every member of the school is entitled to the privilege of the library.

2. Every member taking books from the library will be furnished with a card, by applying to the Librarian, — the first one without cost, all others five cents each.

3. The cards must always contain the numbers of at least *ten* books.

4. Care should be taken that the number of the book returned is crossed out, or there is a liability of receiving the same one again.

5. No one will be permitted to have more than *one* book at a time, and a *second* will not be given until the first is returned.

6. Any person losing a book must replace it, or make satisfactory arrangements with the Superintendent or Librarian.

7. Every one, on entering the school-room,

will be required to leave the book containing his card upon the counter of the library.

8. No one, *under any circumstances whatever*, will be permitted to visit the library while the school is in session.

9. Should any one give a satisfactory reason to the Librarian why a book should be exchanged, it may be done after the school is dismissed, *but not before.*

10. When the bell strikes for closing the lessons, the Librarian will deliver the books.

11. Any one neglecting to bring the card with the book, can, with the consent of the Librarian, receive another book.

12. Should any one lose the card, immediate notice should be given to the Librarian, who will furnish another upon the payment of five cents.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL

SABBATH SCHOOL,

COHASSET.

OFFICERS.

George Beal, Jr.,	*Superintendent.*
Philander Bates,	*Assistant Superintendent.*
George Beal, Jr.,	*Secretary and Treasurer.*
Elisha Stetson,	*Librarian.*
Morgan B. Stetson,	*Assistant Librarian.*
Arthur E. Beal,	*Postmaster.*

TEACHERS.

Mr.	Philander Bates.	Miss	Myra L. Beal.
"	John J. Lincoln.	"	Abby Cushing.
"	Richard Bourne.	"	Hannah L. Kent.
"	Ezra Towle.	"	Sarah Stoddard.
"	Joshua W. Davis.	"	Ella F. Creed.
"	Charles Kent.	"	Mary H. Kimball.
"	James Bullard.	"	Mary L. Kent.
Mrs.	Hannah Howard.	"	P. B. Jenkins.
"	Mary Stetson.	"	Helen A. Bates.
"	Abby Brown.	"	Mary C. Bates.
Miss	M. E. Stoddard.	"	Ruth N. Snow.
"	Abbie N. Bates.		

OFFICERS OF
SABBATH SCHOOL RELIEF SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. Hannah Howard.
Vice-President, Miss Hannah L. Kent.
Secretary, Miss Mary H. Kimball.
Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Stoddard.
Annual Assessments, 25 cents.
Life Membership, $5.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. ORDER.

Bell will strike *twice* for the school to be in order.

2. CHANT.

Bell will strike *once* for the school to chant the following, viz:

The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep | silence be | fore him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of | holiness, fear be | fore him | all the | earth.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon | him in | truth. |

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth | such as | be of a | contrite | spirit.

Oh, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the | Lord our | Maker. | .

For he is our God, and we are the people of his | pasture, | and the | sheep of his | hand.

3. PRAYER.

Closing, with the Lord's Prayer by the whole school.

Bell will strike *once* for the school to be in proper position for prayer; all will remain seated; and each person will cover their eyes with the right hand. When it is perfectly still, some one will offer prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER,

AS REPEATED BY THE SCHOOL.

Our Father, — who art in heaven — hallowed be thy name; — Thy kingdom come; — Thy will be done — on earth as it is in heaven. — Give us this day our daily bread; — and forgive us our trespasses, — as we forgive them that trespass against us; — and lead us not into temptation; — but deliver us from evil: — for thine is the kingdom — and the power — and the glory forever. — Amen.

4. SCRIPTURE READING AND RESPONSES.

5. SINGING.

6. LESSONS,

Which will occupy about thirty minutes.

7. CLOSING EXERCISES.

Bell will strike *once*, for lessons to close, and library books to be distributed. Teachers will also take their collections at this time.

8. ORDER.

Bell will strike *twice*, for the school to be in order, and very still,— all talking to cease even between teacher and pupil; when notices and reports will be read, the names of new scholars announced, the names of absentees read, and the number present given.

9. SINGING.

Bell will strike once, for school to rise.

10. PRAYER.

School will remain standing; and, when very quiet, some one will offer prayer.

11. PREPARATION.

Bell will strike *twice*, for the school to be seated.

12. SCHOOL DISMISSED.

School will be dismissed by classes, in the order in which they are called, either by number or name.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND RESPONSES.

Number One.

The school recite the following in concert:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him turn unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

1*st Division.* *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.*

2*d Division.* The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

1*st Div.* *The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.*

2*d Div.* The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

1*st Div.* *The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.*

2*d Div.* The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

1*st Div.* *More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold:*

2*d Div.* Sweeter also than honey, and the honey comb.

1*st Div.* *Moreover, by them is thy servant warned;*

2*st Div.* And in keeping of them there is great reward.

1*st Div.* *Who can understand his errors?*

2*d Div.* Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

1*st Div.* *Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me:*

2*d Div.* Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

All. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND RESPONSES.

Number Two.

A teacher, or some one appointed by Superintendent, will repeat the following passages:

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

Superintendent. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.

School. Nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Supt. But his delight is in the law of the Lord;

School. And in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Supt. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;

School. His leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Supt. The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

School. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Supt. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

School. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Supt. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

School. O Lord, my God! in thee do I put my trust; I will praise thee, O Lord! with my whole heart.

Supt. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

School. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; he shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Supt. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

School. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND RESPONSES.

Number Three.

School. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all

manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them.

And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.

Supt. And seeing the multitude, He went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto Him. And He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

School. Blessed are the poor in spirit:

Supt. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

School. Blessed are they that mourn:

Supt. For they shall be comforted.

School. Blessed are the meek:

Supt. For they shall inherit the earth.

School. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

Supt. For they shall be filled.

School. Blessed are the merciful:

Supt. For they shall obtain mercy.

School. Blessed are the pure in heart:

Supt. *For they shall see God.*

School. Blessed are the peacemakers:

Supt. *For they shall be called the children of God.*

School. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

Supt. *For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

School. Blessed is he that considereth the poor:

Supt. *The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.*

School. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:

Supt. *For when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life.*

All. The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and he addeth no sorrow with it.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND RESPONSES.

Number Four.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Supt. And God spake all these words, saying:

School. I. — Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Supt. We know that an idol is nothing in

the world, and that there is none other God but one. — 1 Cor. viii. 4.

School. II. — Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Supt. We ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver or stone, graven by art and man's device.—Acts xvii. 29.

School. III. — Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Supt. Let your yea, be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. — James v. 12.

School. IV. — Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not

do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Supt. The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

School. V. — Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Supt. Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. — Col. iii. 20.

School. VI. — Thou shalt not kill.

Supt. Whosoever hateth his brother, is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. — 1 John 3: 15.

School. VII. — Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Supt. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. — 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17.

School. VIII. — Thou shalt not steal.

Supt. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunk-

ards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

School. IX. — Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Supt. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth. — Eph. iv. 29.

School. X. — Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor *anything* that is thy neighbor's.

Supt. How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! —Mark x. 24.

Singing Pilgrim.

NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE BIBLE.

OLD TESTAMENT.

Genesis.
Exodus.
Leviticus.
Numbers.
Deuteronomy.
Joshua.
Judges.
Ruth.
I. Samuel.
II. Samuel.
I. Kings.
II. Kings.
I. Chronicles.
II. Chronicles.
Ezra.
Nehemiah.
Esther.
Job.
Psalms.
Proverbs.
Ecclesiastes.
Song of Solomon.
Isaiah.
Jeremiah.
Lamentations.
Ezekiel.
Daniel.
Hosea.
Joel.
Amos.
Obadiah.
Jonah.
Micah.
Nahum.
Habakkuk.
Zephaniah.
Haggai.
Zechariah.
Malachi.

NEW TESTAMENT.

Matthew.
Mark.
Luke.
John.
The Acts.
Romans.
I. Corinthians.
II. Corinthians.
Galatians.
Ephesians.
Philippians.
Colossians.
I. Thessalonians.
II. Thessalonians.
I. Timothy.
II. Timothy.
Titus.
Philemon.
Hebrews.
James.
I. Peter.
II. Peter.
I. John.
II. John.
III. John.
Jude.
Revelation.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

OF THE

Second Congregational Sabbath School.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the Sabbath School Benevolent Society of the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset.

ARTICLE II.

Its object shall be to do all the good we can, by assisting other organizations and individuals by our contributions.

ARTICLE III.

Each class in the school shall be constituted a Circle or Society in itself, auxiliary to the parent society; and shall be designated by such names as they may select.

ARTICLE IV.

The payment of one dollar shall constitute any person a life member of the Auxiliary Circles; and of five dollars, a life member of the parent society.

ARTICLE V.

The teacher of each Circle shall be its treasurer (unless some one is chosen by the class) and shall pay over its collections monthly to the parent society.

ARTICLE VI.

The affairs and funds of the parent society shall be under the direction of a Board of Managers, consisting of the officers and teachers of the school.

ARTICLE VII.

The Society shall hold meetings whenever in the judgment of the Managers it is deemed best.

NAMES AND MOTTOES OF THE LITTLE CIRCLES AUXILIARY TO THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL, COHASSET.

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1. Cheerful Givers.

Motto. — "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not

grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

2. Truth Gleaners.

Motto. — Jesus saith, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. . . . And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

3. Willing Hearts.

Motto. — "Whoso giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

4. Golden Links.

Motto. — "Faith, Hope and Charity."

5. Christ's Jewels.

Motto. — "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

6. Tender Branches.

Motto. — "I am the Vine, ye are the branches, . . . By their fruit ye shall know them."

7. Crown Seekers.

Motto. — We will bear the cross, hoping to wear the crown; for it has been said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of life."

8. Buds of Promise.

Motto. — "And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life."

9. Youthful Samaritans.

Motto. — "We'll try to lose no opportunity of doing a good action."

10. Dew Drops.

Motto. — "Each drop of dew has its commission." — "We have done what we could."

11. The Sowers.

Motto. — "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

12. Busy Bees.

Motto. — "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

13. The Reapers.

Motto. — "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

14. Young Pilgrims.

Motto. — "Our home is in Heaven, — the celestial city."

15. Beacon Lights.

Motto. — "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

16. Humble Workers.

Motto. — "Our rest is in heaven."

17. Little way-marks for the Kingdom.

Motto. — "Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

18. Guiding Stars.

Motto. — "And lo! the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

19. Dorcas Circle.

Motto. — "For the poor ye have always with you."

20. Treasure Seekers.

Motto. — "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; for, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

21. Little Stars.

Motto. — "We will do what we can to make the light of the Bible shine in the dark places of the earth."

22. Bible Miners.

Motto. — "Search the Scriptures."

23. The Reasoners.

Motto. — "Be always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you, — a reason of the hope that is in you."

24. Pearl Gatherers.

Motto. — We seek that one pearl of great price."

25. Casket of Jewels.

Motto. — "And they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS' CIRCLE OF IMPROVEMENT.

I.

This Circle is composed of the officers and teachers of the Second Congregational Sabbath School.

II.

Its object is the mutual improvement of each other in everything that pertains to the Sabbath School; such as the study of the lessons, a free interchange of ideas upon class exercises, also the best methods of conducting them, and the discussion of all affairs relating to the highest welfare of the school.

III.

Connected with this Circle is a library, containing Sunday School teachers' requisites, —

such as commentaries, maps, books of reference, and such other books as the teachers may decide; each one at liberty to propose volumes for the library, and the names of these to be placed on record by the Secretary, and purchased as they are voted by the members of the Circle.

IV.

Each teacher to pay one dollar annually, in advance.

V.

A regular meeting for business shall be held every month, when it is expected every one will be present. There will also be a meeting every week for the convenience of those who wish to study the lesson, and consultation.

VI.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are President and Vice-President, *ex officio*. A Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian shall be chosen annually, at the first regular business meeting of the Circle, after the anniversary of the Sabbath School.

VII.

The executive and financial year shall conform to the Sabbath School year.

OFFICERS, 1867.

President, GEORGE BEAL, Jr.
Vice-President, PHILANDER BATES.
Secretary, Miss ABBY N. BATES.
Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. STETSON.
Librarian, Mrs. JOHN HOWARD.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Composed of members of the Second Congregational Sabbath School, Cohasset.

OFFICERS FOR 1867.

President, JOSEPH CUSHING.
Vice-President, OLIVER A. BROWN.
Secretary, MARY H. KIMBALL.
Treasurer, EMMA L. BATES.

SABBATH SCHOOL SCHOLAR'S PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

Every waking moment of our lives is filled up with mental or moral acts.

Every part or faculty is strengthened by exercise.

Attention is the price paid for all knowledge.

Early rising and punctuality save valuable time, and thus increase our means of happiness and knowledge.

Temperance and exercise preserve health and prolong life.

Industry is a moral obligation resting upon every human being.

Virtue is true happiness; excellence, true beauty.

SCHOLAR'S MOTTOES.

I must try to come to school every Sabbath.

I must respect and obey my teacher.

I must always speak the truth.

I must learn to govern myself.

I must be careful of my books.

I must learn to think.

I must grow wiser and better every day.

I must always try, and never say I can't.

I must respect myself.

I must respect my parents.

I must treat aged people with marked respect.

I must learn to be amiable, affectionate, attentive, benevolent, conscientious, disinterested, frank, forgiving, grateful, generous, humane, humble, honorable, modest, mannerly, obedient, punctual, patient, sincere, studious and virtuous.

MY DUTIES AS A SABBATH SCHOOL SCHOLAR.

1. I must remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, at home and by the way, in the house of God and in the school.

2. I must be at school in good time every Sabbath.

3. When I reach the school, I must go directly in, and walk softly to my seat.

4. During prayer, I must close my eyes, cover them with my hand, and sit perfectly still.

5. I must learn my lessons perfectly, repeat them softly, yet distinctly, and improve all my time to the best possible advantage.

6. I must be orderly in my posture, and strictly observant of all the rules of the school: I must stop when the bell rings, though it be in the midst of a sentence.

7. I must never leave my seat without the permission of my teacher or superintendent.

8. I must not loiter by the door at the close of the school.

9. I must try to persuade all children who do not go to Sabbath School to attend, and unite with our school.

10. If I know of any of my schoolmates

that are sick or in destitute circumstances, I must at once inform my teacher or the superintendent.

11. I must try to persuade my parents and friends to accompany *me* to church and to the Sunday evening meetings.

12. I must give my heart wholly to God, praying to him, and studying his word every day.

THE CHARACTER OF GOOD SABBATH-SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

They are quiet, serious and attentive during all the exercises of the school.

They promote, as far as possible, the comfort, happiness and improvement of others.

They are obedient and submissive to their parents and teachers.

They are truthful, honest, and obliging to all around them.

They attend the regular services of the house of God. They behave well, while there, and in going to and from that sacred place.

They love God, and keep his commandments.

DO GOOD.

Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
To all the people you can,
In every place you can,
At all times you can,
As long as ever you can.

SALVATION.

Passages Showing Salvation Needed.

All we, like sheep, have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way. — Isaiah liii. 6.

I have gone away like a lost sheep. Seek thy servant. — Psalm cxix. 176.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. — Romans iii. 23.

For the wages of sin is death. — Romans vi. 23.

Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. — Romans v. 12.

For there is not a just man upon earth, that

doeth good, and sinneth not. — Ecclesiastes vii. 20.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. — Romans viii. 7.

PASSAGES SHOWING THE WAY OF SALVATION.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. — John iii. 16.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit. — 1 Peter iii. 18.

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our father. — Galatians i. 4.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. — 1 Peter ii. 24.

And He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. — 1 John ii. 2.

Being justified freely by his grace, through

the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. — Romans iii. 24.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. — Romans x. 13.

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. — Proverbs viii. 17.

Passages of Comfort and Promise.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. — Jeremiah xxxiii. 3.

Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but, if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him He heareth. — John ix. 31.

Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid. — Proverbs xiii. 21.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. — Romans viii. 28.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death. — Proverbs xii. 28.

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honor. — Proverbs xxi. 21.

There shall no evil happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief. — Proverbs xii. 21.

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, He heareth us: and, if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. — 1 John v. 14, 15.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. — 1 Corinthians ii. 9.

Read also the 55th Chapter of Isaiah.

Passages Showing the Test of a Christian Character.

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. — Matthew x. 38.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven. — Matthew x. 32.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. — 2 Corinthians v. 17.

I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. — John xv. 5, 7.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. — Matthew vii. 16.

PASSAGES TO BE OUR MOTTO THROUGHOUT LIFE.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. — Psalm xxxiv. 13.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. — Proverbs iii. 5, 6.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. — Matthew vii. 12.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. — James i. 19, 26.

A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord

directeth his steps. The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord. — Proverbs xvi. 9, 23.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain, whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little season, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that. — James iv. 13, 15.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. — 1 Peter v. 6, 7.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out; and, having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. — 1 Timothy vi. 6, 8.

SIX SHORT RULES FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS.

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and, when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers. — Heb. xi. 6.

2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and, when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what he says. — John v. 39. All backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules.

3. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself what am I doing for him. — Matthew v. 13 – 16.

4. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, kneel down, and ask God's blessing upon it. — Colossians iii. 17. If you cannot do this, it is wrong. — Romans. xiv. 23.

5. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such people do so and so, that therefore you may. — 2 Corinthians x. 12. You are to ask yourself, "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to follow Him. — John x. 27.

6. Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, "Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true?" and, if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar. — Rom. iii. 4. — 1 John v. 10, 11.

HOW TO KEEP THE SABBATH, AND THE REWARD.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, — then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. — Isaiah lviii. 13, 14.

CHISTIAN CHARACTER COMPLETE.

Faith believes God's word. — Patience waits God's time. — Hope expects all God has promised. — Love urges to obey all God's commands. — Humility bows low before God's throne. — Submission shuts the mouth in trying times, and resignation cheerfully surrenders all to God's disposal. When all these graces are found together, the character is complete. — *Casket.*

THE THREE WONDERS.

There will be three things which will surprise us when we get to heaven; one to find many there that we did not expect to find there; another, to find some not there whom we had expected; a third, and perhaps the greatest wonder, will be to find ourselves there. — *Illustrative Gatherings.*

FORGIVENESS.

He that refuses to forgive an injury breaks the bridge he will one day want to cross himself.

He that overcomes evil with good gains three victories at once; he overcomes Satan, his enemy and himself.

To have the courage to take no notice of an injury is to be even with our enemy; to forgive it is to be above him.

The way to join two bars of iron together is to melt them; so are hearts joined, — sometimes almost as hard.

He who has not forgiven an enemy has never yet tested one of the most sublime enjoyments of life. — *Illustrative Gatherings.*

WHAT YOU CAN NEVER CATCH.

Boys and girls, there is something you can never catch, though you chase after it as on the wings of the wind. You can never catch the word that has once gone out of your lips. Once spoken, it is out of your reach; do your best, you can never recall it. Therefore, take care what you say. Never speak an unkind word, an impure word, a lying word, nor a profane word.

TAKE NOTICE.

"If your lips would save from slips,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak, — to whom you speak, —
And how, — and when, — and where."

KINDNESS.

Kindness makes sunshine wherever it goes; it finds its way into the hidden chamber of the heart, and brings forth treasures of gold. Harshness, on the contrary, shuts them up forever.

GOLDEN MAXIMS.

Prayer is a key, which, being turned by the hand of faith, unlocks all God's treasures. — *Mrs. H. More.*

Let prayer be the key of the morning, and the bolt of the evening.

Never proceed to any business or engagement, till you have *first* implored the Divine blessing. — *Newstead.*

Begin all thine actions with prayer, that thou mayst be able to accomplish them.—*Pythagoras.*

Never venture on any action, unless you bring God to it; nor rest satisfied, unless you carry God from it. — *Quarles.*

Love is the golden thread that runs through the whole gospel, — God's love to us, ours to Him, and one to another. — *M. Henry.*

Reports which tend to mischief are like snow-balls, — the further they roll the more they gather.

The heart, like a watch, will be apt to go down, and therefore must be ever and anon wound up by prayer and meditation. — *T. Watson.*

In *time*, we transact business for *eternity;* whatever, therefore, we do now, should be done *well*. — *Rev. R. Ray.*

Religion is a personal business; and, if all the rest of the world were to forsake Christ, it would be our duty to follow him. — *Bond.*

Those are the best Christians who are more careful to reform themselves than to censure others. — *Dr. Fuller.*

It is better to find *one* of our own faults than *ten* of our neighbor's.

LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

Live for something, be not idle,
Look about thee for employ;
Sit not down to useless dreaming,
Labor is the sweetest joy.
Folded hands are ever weary,
Selfish hearts are never gay;
Life for thee hath many duties,
Active be, then, while you may.

Scatter blessings in thy pathway;
Gentle words and cheering smiles
Better are than gold and silver,
With their grief-dispelling wiles.
As the pleasant sunshine falleth
Ever on the grateful earth,

So let sympathy and kindness
Gladden well the darkened hearth.

Hearts there are oppressed and weary,
Drop the tear of sympathy;
Whisper words of hope and comfort:
Give; and thy reward shall be
Joy unto thy soul returning,
From this perfect fountain head:
Freely, as thou freely givest,
Shall the grateful light be shed.

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